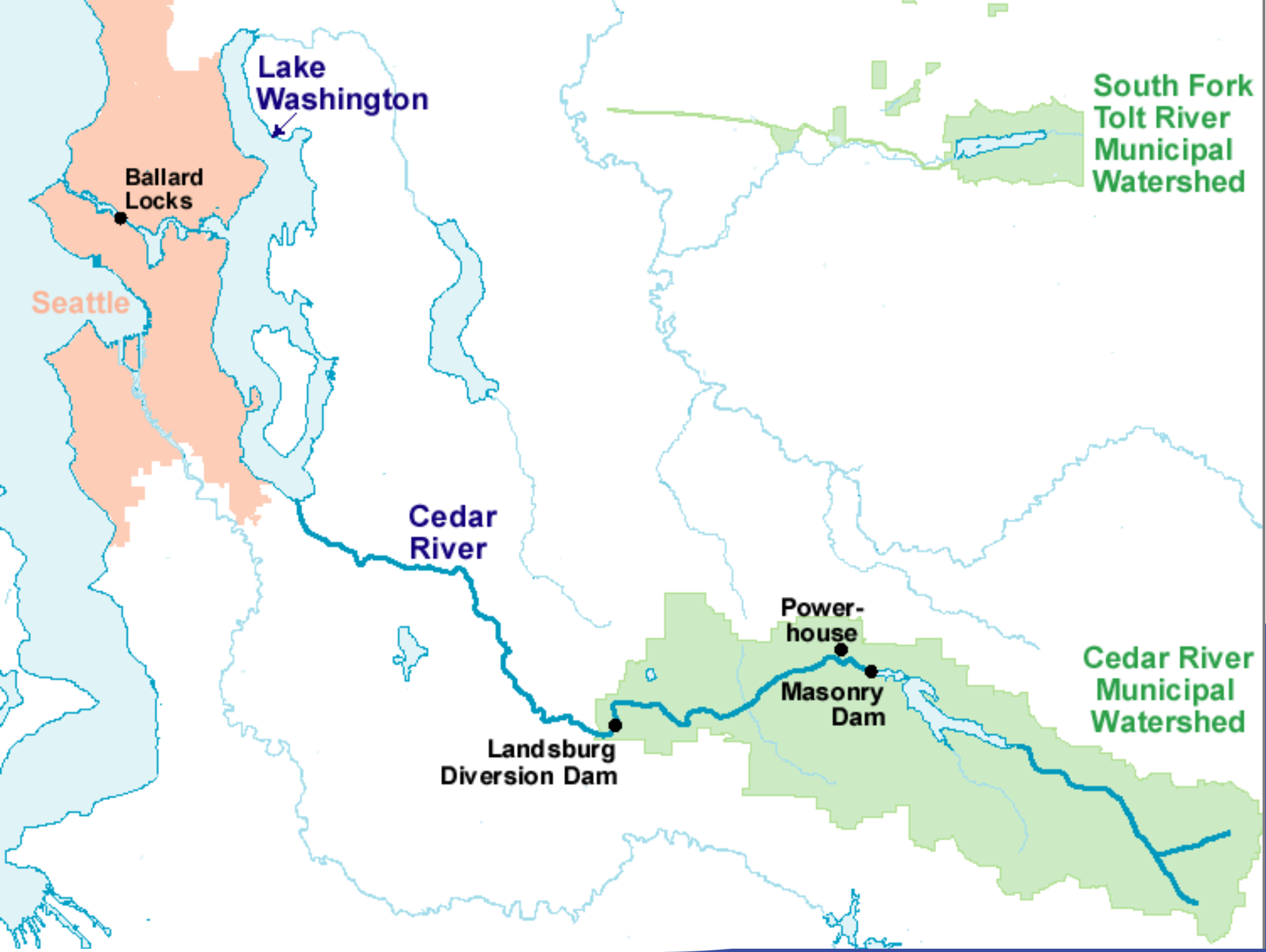
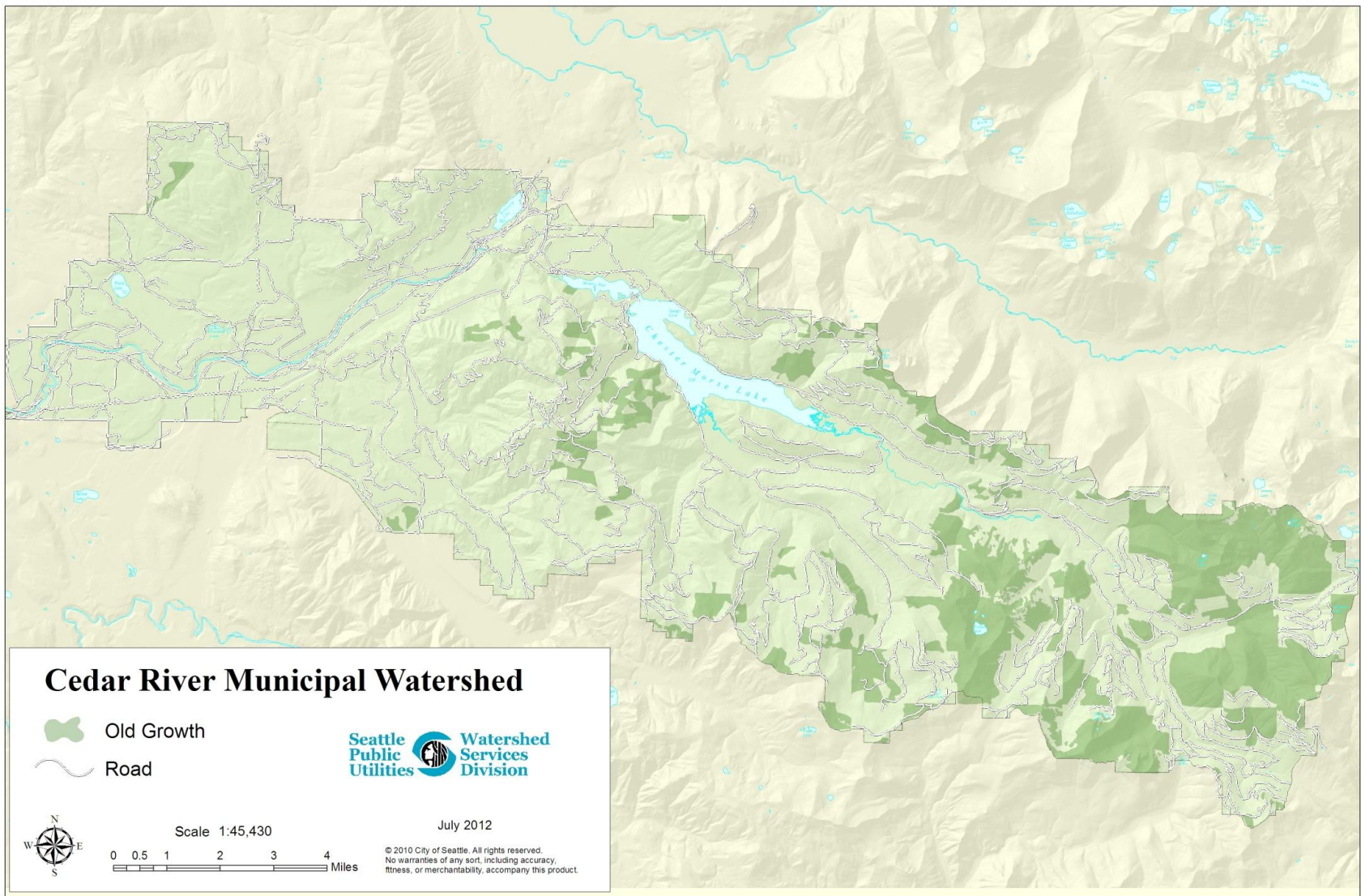


An Ordinance for Five-Years of Ecological Thinning under the Cedar River Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan

December 4, 2012





Over 90,000 acres covered by HCP and designated ecological reserve.

HCP Forest Restoration Program

Goals

Improve old forest habitat

Increase forest diversity and resilience



Strategies

Protection

Thinning

Planting

FIVE-YEAR ECOLOGICAL THINNING ORDINANCE



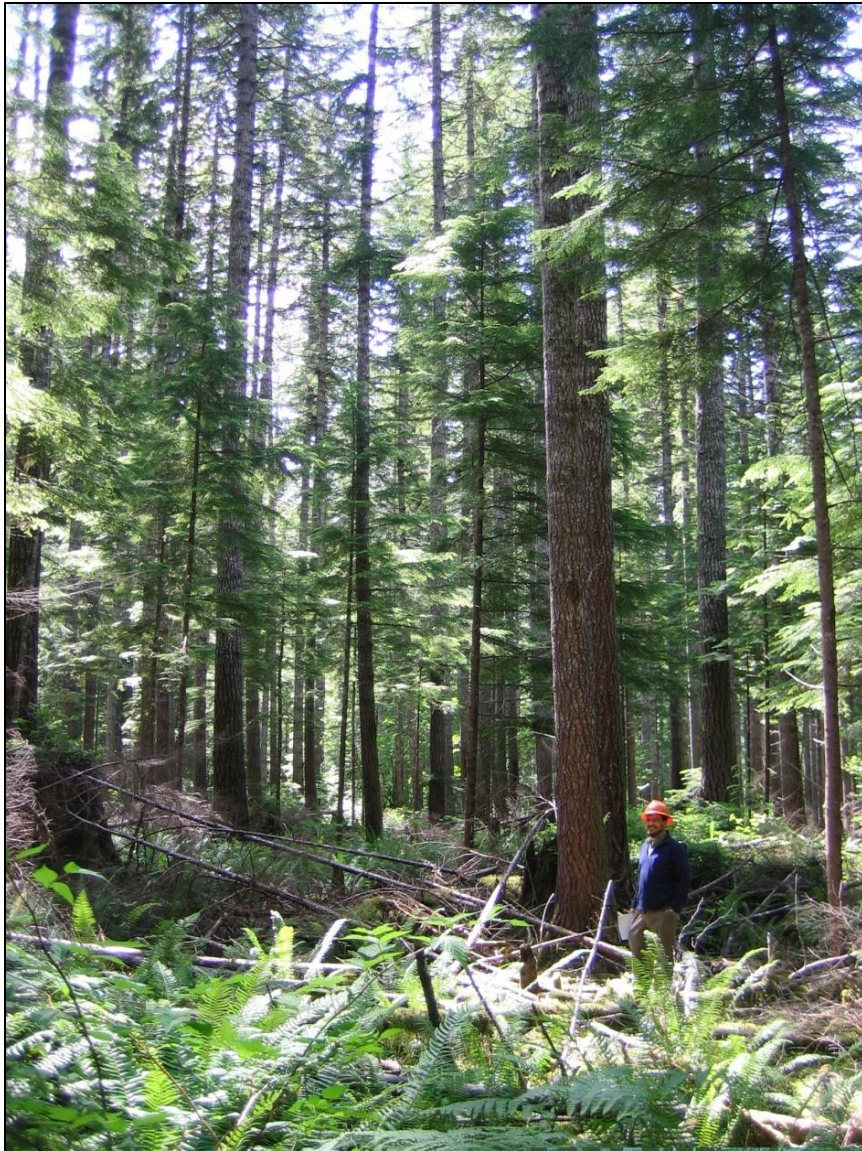
- Improves forest habitat for at-risk species and increases forest resilience
- Allows SPU to meet HCP commitments by 2017
- Provides authority to remove and sell surplus log

Ecological Thinning



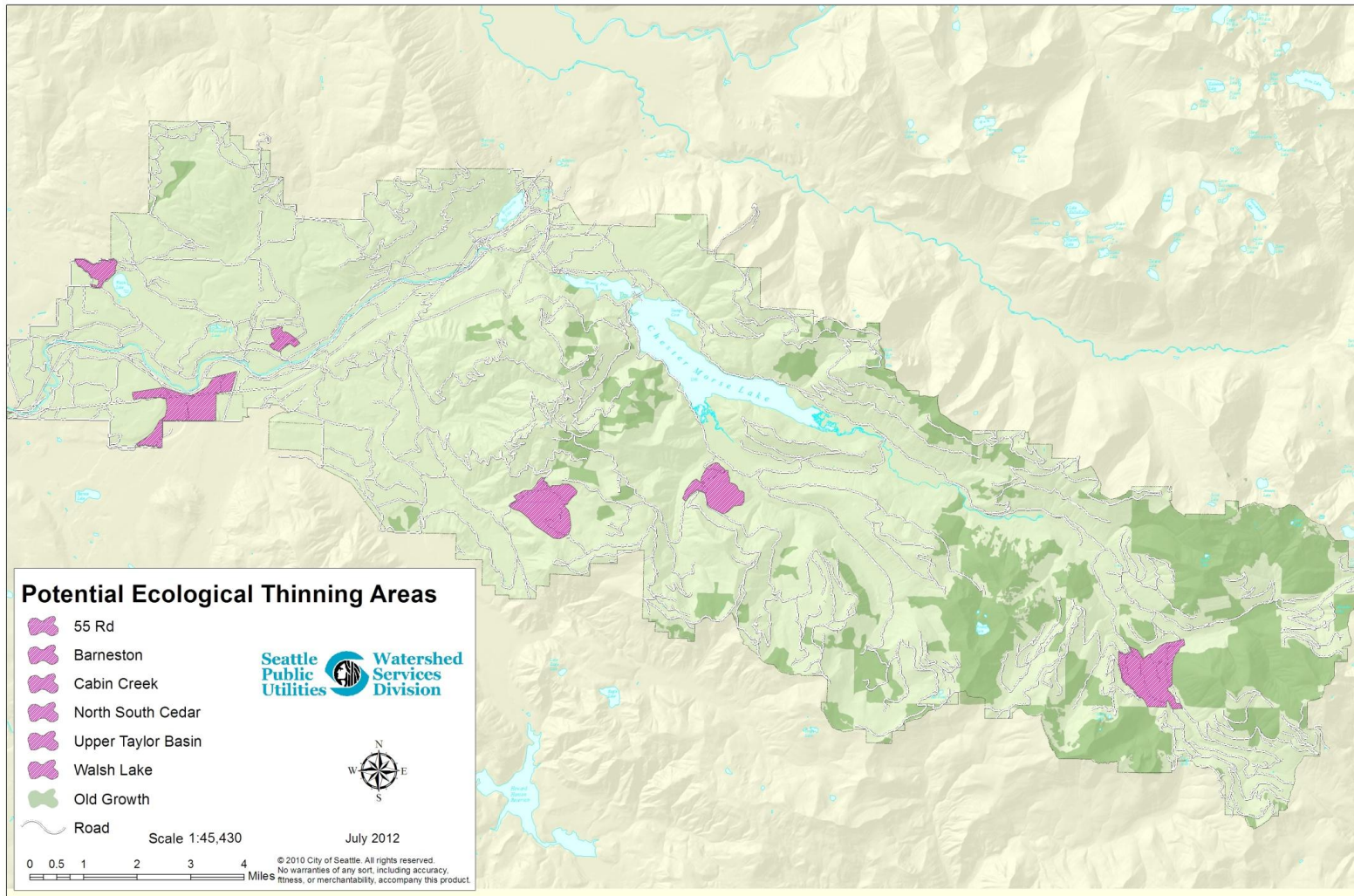
- Thin 100 acres/year
- Sell logs as surplus
- Offset costs of HCP implementation

Ecological Thinning Approach



- Leave largest trees
- Retain and plant diverse species
- Create “gaps” and leave “skips”
- Create down wood
- Monitor over time

2013-2017 Ecological Thinning



Six planning areas over five years.

Public Involvement



Fields trips with stakeholders to explain approach, answer questions, and solicit input

Expected Volume and Revenue

- Five years of surplus log sale
- Up to 1,200,000 board feet annually
- Variable annual net revenue
- Revenues will offset costs of the HCP
- Annual reports to Council



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Questions?